



Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 14th April 2024

Welcome to our Worship Service. If you're visiting, please join us in the hall afterwards for tea/coffee and a chat!

Sunago is on **tonight**, commencing at 6pm. Please BYO meal. Guest speaker will be Celia Chan, a Hume Multicultural Community worker who will explain about her work in the City of Hume.

Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society The next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 18th April**. Please note the new venue of Meeting Room 3, Hume Global Learning Centre (temporary venue while Senior Cit's building is being refurbished). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Pernaperna Group The next meeting is **Thursday 18th April** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Music for a Warming World An invitation is extended to attend this event next **Saturday 20th April**, 7.30 to 9pm, at the Manningham Uniting Church & Community Centre (109 Wood Street, Templestowe). The concert is a unique fusion of music, visual imagery, science and culture performed by professional musicians that has inspired and delighted audiences around Australia. It fosters understanding of climate change, promotes preparedness, and cultivates a sense of solidarity, strength and hope within our global community. **Tickets:** adults \$20, concession \$15.00, students free.

Book here <https://manninghamuc.org/warmingworld>. For more information about the musicians <https://www.musicforawarmingworld.org>.

Our Lancefield Uniting Church visit is next **Sunday 21st April**, followed by lunch. We will meet at our church at 9.30am and ride-share to Lancefield for all those requiring transport. If you're travelling directly to Lancefield, please arrive by 10am.

Drop-in Centre Book Sale !! There will be a book sale in the Drop-in Centre on **Saturday 27th April** from 10am to 3pm. Lots of books, huge variety, good quality and cheap!!50c to \$2. Tell all your friends, share the link in the church FB page to your page ('liking' does nothing – this only says you've read it, you need to click 'share'). Enquiries to Jan on 0400 404 901.

Kay's Fashion Parade will be happening at 1.30pm at our church on **Thursday 2nd May**. Admittance \$5 – includes door prize and afternoon tea. Plenty of time to invite your friends!! Enquiries to Robyn on 0423 277 450.

April Birthdays



5 Joycelyn Young 7 Margaret Weate
8 Pat Bond 14 Margaret Woolcock
16 Jan Morison 20 Chris Prosser
29 Joy (Elwyn) Davis



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- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
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Men's Group A new group for men will commence in the Drop-in Centre on **Saturday 4th May**. It will meet monthly from 10am to 12pm over coffee and toast. We will chat about current events, local activities and anything else that comes up. *Enquiries to Peter Canning on 0478 777 400.*

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (ABMT) will be part of our morning tea on **Sunday 5th May**. If you can help by bringing a plate of morning tea, please let Carole know or give her a call on 0427 993 795. If you can't make it on the day but would like to donate, go to www.biggestmorningtea.com.au and type *Carole Simpson* where it says 'find a friend' **OR** if you prefer to donate in cash, please give it to Carole before the day.



KYB (Know Your Bible) meets at Pat Hay's home **every Thursday** at 10am for a cuppa, chat and Bible Study, until approximately 12pm. *If you'd like to join, or just visit now and then, please speak to Pat.*

The Drop-in Centre is open **every Friday** from 10am to 2.30pm. Drop in for a free cuppa and chat, and browse our many good quality books – for sale from 50c to \$2. *Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.*

Rosters for Sunday 2nd April

Door / Morning tea: not required as we are going to Lancefield UC.

Readings for Sunday 2nd April

Acts 4: 5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3: 16-24

John 10: 11-18

News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates

➤ **Pentecost Sunday Combined Service** A regional churches combined Service will take place at 2pm on **Sunday 19th May** at St. John's Uniting Church in Essendon. This will give us the opportunity to join with different cultures and share spiritual insights from many leaders in our community. A bus has been arranged for transport.

➤ **Quiet Day** The next one is on **Saturday 25th May** from 10am to 3pm. *More information coming soon, or see Barb Ashley.*

➤ **CareWorks groceries** Donations can be placed in the basket on wheels in the kitchen foyer (this has replaced the cane basket).

➤ **Recycling update**

UPPAREL – Clothing, linen, and other textiles that are no longer fit for reuse are diverted from landfill by **Upparel** and transformed into a revolutionary material called UPtex. To date, over 10 million textiles items have been saved from entering landfills across Australia! Whilst some of these are reused via trusted charity partners, many are not fit for wear. That's where UPtex comes in. Check out what can be donated on the website <https://upparel.com.au>.

There is a cost involved in donating used textiles and unwearable clothes (10 or 20kg boxes) but just think how you'll be helping the environment! Not only will you free up space in your home, but you'll also be joining the fight against the textile waste crisis. For every 1kg of textiles that avoids landfill, you'll prevent 3-4kg of greenhouse gases from polluting the atmosphere.



Book a collection on the website, download the labels and affix. You can have the box collected from your house, or you can take it to the PO.



Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for the following:

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags – plastic only
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (not plastic cases)
- all coffee/Slurpee cups, plastic straws and lids – *or take to 7-Eleven in Gap Road*
- used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg collect for Sammy Stamp
- toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices
- mobile phones and chargers, to support Melbourne Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' program in East Africa



Use the big plastic container for:

- 10c containers such as:



– see flyers on the recycling trolley.

The other side of the story – buy recycled:

The other side of recycling is to buy products made from recycled materials, in order to create a relevant market. Without a market, the recycled material has to go to landfill.

Check out these websites:

<https://littleecoshop.com.au>

www.onyalife.com/products

www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

